

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE
Department of Natural Resources
Room 3710
March 14, 2006

Minutes

Member Present:

HARTY, Kimm – Utah Geological Survey
ZAREKARIZI, Susan – State Parks and Recreation
CANNING, Michael – Division of Wildlife Resources
MILLIS, Eric – Division of Water Resources
SCHLOTTHAUER, Bill – Division of Water Rights
COTTAM, Brian – GOPB
WATANABE, Judy – Emergency Services
WILDE, Kenneth – DEQ, Division of Drinking Water
CLARK, Robert – DEQ, Division of Air Quality
REICHERT, Michael – DEQ, Division of Water Quality
GRIERSON, Dave – Division of Forestry, Fire & State Lands
OMBACH, Rik – DEQ, Environmental Response & Remediation
GRUBAUGH-LITTIG, Pamela – Division of Oil, Gas & Mining

Others Present:

WRIGHT, Carolyn – Public Lands Policy Section
LANDURETH, Brenda – Department of Natural Resources
GARCIA, Tim – U.S. Forest Service
HIGDON, Matthew – Bureau of Land Management
DJAMBOV, Ivan – Legislative Fiscal Analyst Office
PEARSON, Robyn – Department of Natural Resources
JEMMING, Jonathan – Public Lands Policy Section
MARTIN, Kim – USDA Forest Service, Uinta NF
HANSEN, Michael – GOPB
JANNGELLI, Lorraine – USDA Forest Service, R4

Kimm Harty, chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m.

I. Approval of Minutes/Announcements

Dave Grierson moved to approve the February minutes as amended. Robert Clark seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

II. Reports from Agencies on Any Anticipated Projects

Kimm Harty, chair, welcomed Ivan Djambov from the legislative analyst office, committee members and other guests to the meeting.

Mike Hansen announced that the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget (GOPB) is working on resource management plans (RMPs) with Garfield and Millard Counties. The County Resource Management Planning Program received \$200,000 for next fiscal year. The noticing tool will provide an opportunity to easily search, access, view and track project and planning documents online and send email notifications to interested parties and the public. GOPB will demonstrate the noticing tool at a future meeting.

Michael Canning reported that the Division of Wildlife Resources was not initially involved in the environmental assessment planning for the Garden City water treatment plant that is proposed to be located on a wildlife management area. Kenneth Wilde stated that easements and rights-of-way are required. Categorical exclusions, National Environmental Policy Act procedures, permit approval process for projects on state owned and managed lands for local projects, and negotiation, coordination and cooperation between agencies were topics discussed. It was recommended that all projects (federal, state and local) go through RDCC for notification.

Eric Millis announced that the legislature authorized Lake Powell Pipeline and Bear River Development and preconstruction activities. Lake Powell Pipeline project will start soon. Larry Anderson will be retiring March 15, 2006.

Lorraine Janngelli, USDA Forest Service, gave a brief presentation about reauthorization of *Secure Rural Schools Act and Consideration of the Forest Service Lands Conveyance* legislative proposal (handout). The proposed sale of 200,000 acres of forest service land may be considered for conveyance because these parcels are isolated or difficult to manage due to location or other characteristics. Most of the parcels would be located within the Wasatch Cache National Forest. Revenues will replace declining funding received by rural schools from timber sales, mineral resources and grazing feed to states where national forests are located. Comments on Project Management Library #6277 are due to RDCC by March 23, 2006. Call Tim Garcia at (801) 538-7305 or access www.fs.fed.us for more information.

Kim Martin, USDA National Forest Service, Uinta National Forest, reported that the oil and gas environmental impact statement (EIS) will identify lands available for leasing. The scoping process ends on April 3, 2006 (handout and maps). The last scoping meeting will be held on Thursday, March 16, 2006, at 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., at the Uinta National Forest Office. Information on the Draft EIS is available on the website at www.fs.fed.us/uinta or call Kim at (801) 342-5100. The draft EIS will be completed summer 2006.

Kenneth Wilde announced that Cedar Mountain east of Navajo Lake in Kane County plans to develop of several small water systems and shallow wells near Duck Creek.

Jonathan Jemming reported on house bill 139 antiquities legislation that authorizes public lands permitting and rule-making process. All committee members will be contacted to update the RDCC memorandum of understanding.

Dave Grierson reported that Galena property management proposal will be posted for review by RDCC later this week. Environmental groups received 14-day review prior to RDCC as per the agreement that resulted from the oil and gas problems with Great Salt Lake.

Matthew Higdon announced that federal lands were identified in the 1980s for disposal in land use plans. Contact Mike Dekeyrel at (801) 539-4105 for more information. The Environmental Notification Bulletin Board (searchable) database and several field office websites are coming back online.

III. Review of Proposed Items as Listed on the Project Management Library

A handout of the current status of the RDCC Project Management System was provided to the committee. No items were discussed.

IV. Adjournment

Michael Reichert moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:12 a.m. Pam Grubaugh-Littig and then seconded the motion. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 11, 2006, at 9:00 a.m., in room 3710.